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**[57] ABSTRACT**

The invention provides humanized immunoglobulins that specifically bind to the VLA-4 ligand, and methods of treatment using the same. The methods are particularly useful for treatment of multiple sclerosis.

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